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Jumbos back to jungle

After 2-month stay in city, Dasara elephants head back to their forest camps; No honorarium this time, crucial role overlooked, say caretakers

Over 2,000 onlookers had gathered at the Mysore Palace premises this afternoon as the elephants left to their camps.

Mysuru, Oct. 5 (MTY&BCT)- The stars of Dasara — 14 elephants — began their journey back to their respective forest camps this afternoon, bidding an emotional farewell to Mysuru after yet another successful Jumboo Savari. Many onlookers were moved as the majestic animals were loaded onto the trucks at the Mysore Palace premises.

Earlier in the morning, priest S.V. Prahalad Rao led the puja rituals, offering fruits to Howdah elephant Abhimanyu and the other 13 elephants.

The ceremonial 'paada puja' was performed, followed by the traditional offering of "Panchaphala" (five fruits) to each elephant. Members of the public also presented sugarcane, jaggery and fruits before the elephants were mounted onto the trucks.

(See JUMBOS on page 7)

11 days of fest…

1,000-tonne WASTE

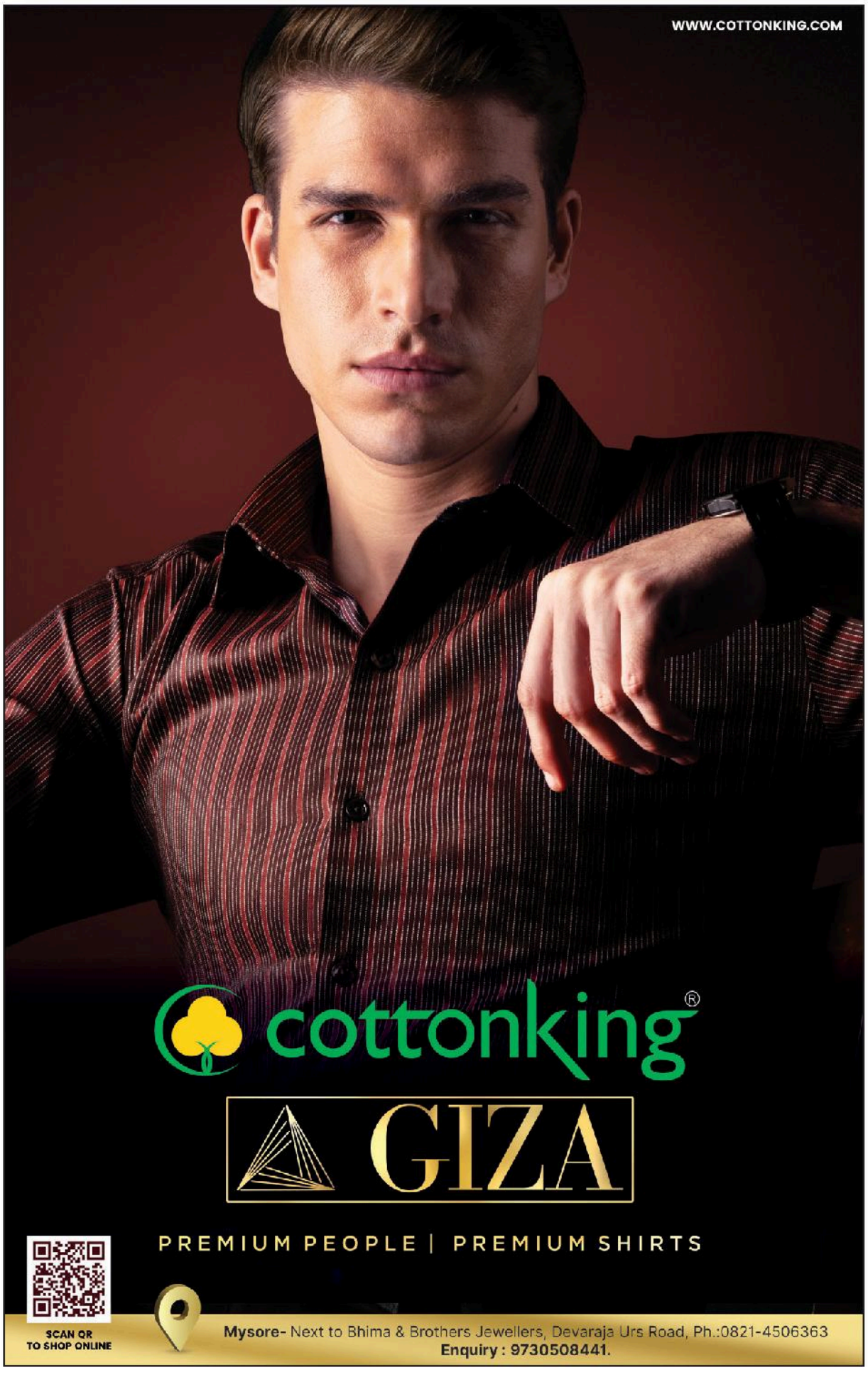
Mysuru, Oct. 5 (MK&BS)- The 11-day Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara, which concluded with the Jumboo Savari on Thursday (Oct. 2), generated an estimated 1,000 tonnes of waste across the city.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer Dr. Venkatesh told *Star of Mysore* that while the daily average waste collection in the city is 50 to 60 tonnes, it surged to 90–100 tonnes per day during Dasara.

The Maharaja's College Grounds, venue of the Dasara Food Mela, alone accounted for over 300 tonnes of waste.

To manage the festivities, MCC deployed its regular Pourakarmikas and hired 500 additional workers exclusively for Dasara duty.

(See WASTE on page 7)



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 5th October 2025

Aadhaar update charges

Mysuru, Oct. 5- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has increased the charges for update and enrolment of Aadhaar cards as follows:

1. New enrolment - Nil.

2. Mandatory Biometric update (for age 5-7 years and 15-17 years) - Nil.

3. Date of birth, gender, name update - Rs. 75.

4. Biometric update (other than mandatory) - Rs. 125.

5. Print Aadhaar - Rs. 40.

6. Home update - Rs. 700 plus update charges.

The new rates have come into effect from Oct. 1, 2025, according to a press release from Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.), Centre Manager, Aadhaar Seva Kendra, Mysuru.

Nadakishorothsava winners

Mysuru, Oct. 5- The prize-winners of Nadakishorothsava-2025 music competitions organised by Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha recently are as follows:

1st Prize 'Nadakishora' title and Ballari M. Venkateshachar Memorial Best Male Singer Award-I: Vidwan Datta Prasad Avadhooth (Karnatak Classical Vocal).

2nd Prize and Ballari M. Venkateshachar Memorial Best Male Singer Award-II: Vid. R.S. Manoj (Karnatak Classical Vocal).

3rd Prize: Vid. G. Soorya (Karnatak Classical Vocal).

Consolation Prize: Vid. Ankush S. Kadaba (Karnatak Classical Flute).

Best Violinist: Vid. Ratna Teja; **Best Percussionist:** Vid. Skanda Bharadwaj.

The judges were Vid. Ballary M. Raghavendra, Dr. Manjula Sriram and Vidu. N. Bharati.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

KEEP YOUR FACE TO THE SUN: ***'Keep your face to the sun and you cannot see a shadow.' These imperishable words are attributed to Helen Keller, who lost her vision and hearing when she was 19 months old. They prove, as few other things can, that given the will, every human being can gain the ability to overcome adversities and never lose hope.***

Life is full of adversities, both small and big. Just one moment to stare at the new arrival in the store can make you late and invite the wrath of your superiors. The late arrival of your maid can load you with unexpected chores. An unexpected traffic snarl can make you arrive late at the office. Similar such happenings can bring on frustration and anger. Inevitably the angry mood lasts and is passed on to others. It darkens the day and ruins it. Indeed worse can ensue with quarrels, accidents or death.

The good news is that we can give up the anger and sorrow and retain a calm outlook. We can choose to control our emotions and decide to face misfortune with calm and composure. In other words, we choose not to react but to respond. This is a free choice. No one can ever take this blessing away from us. We can choose to be depressed or afraid, but just as easily be happy and confident.

Of course, this is not as easy as it sounds. The remedy lies exploring our emotions and finding out how important the issue is. The questions to ask are, 'Have I hurt or harmed anyone? Have I denied justice?' If the answer is 'no', there is no need for anxiety. All challenges in life can be met by learning to keep the mind calm instead of despairing. Note that between thought and action there is a small space. During this time, we can practice to be kind and compassionate. We need to keep in mind that often, the other could be having troubles and worries of his own! It happens very often in this unpredictable world of ours. The repeated practice of this attitude makes it second nature to us. Though we are human, this outlook can light up the world and make it a better place to live in!

—Leela Ramaswamy in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Electric Mercedes for 49,000 dollars

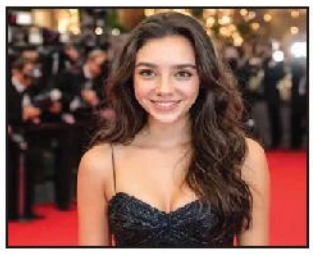
Moscow: If you're one of those parents with more money than sense, this scaled-down version of the legendary 1950s-60s Mercedes-Benz SL300 can be yours for just under $50,000.

Advertised as the perfect toy car for kids and adults alike, this fully functional automobile features all the bells and whistles of the original, including the lateral exhausts, dash gauges and switches, as well as the iconic Mercedes badge.

It has an impressive load capacity of 120 kilograms and is powered by a 1.5 kW electric motor that allows it to reach speeds of up to 45 km/h. At 4 million roubles ($49,000), it costs more than most decent full-sized cars, but in Russia, it is being advertised as a toy for children and adults alike.

Complete with adjustable leather seats, an aluminium instrument panel, a transmission mode selector, a sub-woofer, and functional lights, the miniature Mercedes-Benz SL300 is obviously no joke.

This AI actress may be next Scarlet Johansson



Amsterdam: Tilly Norwood, an AI-generated young actress who has been stirring things up among human actors who see her as a threat, has the potential to become a global star, at least according to her creator.

Launched by Dutch technologist Emily Van der Velden as part of her company Particle 6 Productions, Xicoia specializes in AI acting talent and Tilly is the startup's first big project.

Hollywood talent agents have allegedly been quietly circling Norwood for representation, and Van der Velen believes that the AI actress could one day become as big as Scarlett Johansson.

An actress herself, Emily Van der Velden tried to put fellow actors' minds at ease by saying that she sees "AI not as a replacement for people, but as a new tool, a new paintbrush," that opens up new possibilities.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Choose stairs over lifts whenever possible — small efforts build strong hearts.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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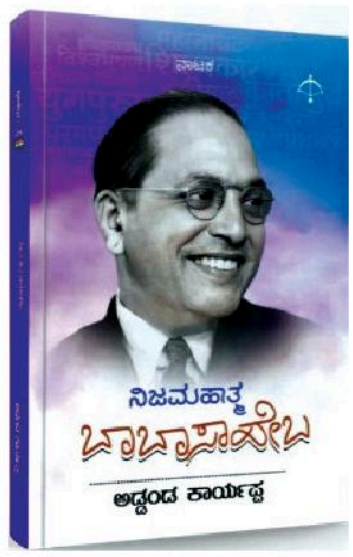
** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Book release on Oct. 7

Mysuru, Oct. 5- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will release the book *'Nijamahatma Baba Saheb,'* written by Addanda Cariappa, at a programme to be held at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Oct. 7 at 5.30 pm, under the joint aegis of Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu and Ayodhya Publications.

Social activist Vadiraj from Bengaluru will speak about the book. Senior social worker Venkataram and Dr. Chandrashekar of Aditya Hospital will be the guests of honour.



WATER LEVEL

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Last year's level **124.15 feet**	Last year's level **2,282.48 feet**	Last year's level **2,857.09 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.40 feet**	Friday's level **2,283.15 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,858.76 feet**
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Today's Outflow **5,909 cusecs**	Yesterday's Outflow **1,050 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,600 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Elephants are the only animals that can't jump. It is impossible for them to jump as unlike other mammals the bones in the elephant's legs point downwards which means that they do not have the 'spring' required to push off the ground.***
- ***Elephants' heavy weight and the downward orientation of their leg bones and joints prevent them from getting all four feet off the ground simultaneously, which is required for a jump.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 88.76**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 119.60**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 24.16**
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VOICE OF THE READER

How I escaped a fake accident trap in 2019

Sir,

This is regarding the *Star of Mysore* report on the fake accident conman — 'Friend saves doctor from extortion bid' — dated Sept. 24. It was truly courageous work.

I was a victim of a similar incident in 2019 and would like to share my experience.

I was driving alone to Bengaluru. Before Ramanagara, I noticed a biker tailing cars, clearly checking how many people were inside. I suspected trouble. Due to a rally by the then Chief Minister, traffic was held up for two hours at Ramanagara. Once I crossed the town, I forgot about it and continued my journey.

Near Ghousia College, I suddenly heard a loud thud. To my shock, it was two youths — one young, overweight and wearing spectacles, the other older and slim, wearing a skull cap, no helmet. I sped up to 120 kmph on the old Bengaluru Highway, but heavy traffic slowed me down.

They chased me and began kicking my car. This was around 3 pm. With traffic worsening, I finally stopped, thinking I could confront them — a big mistake.

I argued they had hit my car from behind and offered Rs. 500 for bike repairs to avoid escalation. The fat man slapped me hard. The other sneered, "Do you know how rich he is? You dare offer just Rs. 500?"

Enraged, I slapped him back and lunged at the slim man. Meanwhile, traffic was halted again and the road cleared for a VIP convoy — perfect timing for the criminals.

Some bikers passing by noticed the chaos. I shouted for help, telling them I was an official. The thugs yelled, "We know the SP of Channapatna! Let's see how your car moves!" Thankfully, the bikers rallied around me and asked me to stick with them. They escorted me to a Police Constable in a nearby village between Ramanagara and Bidadi. But instead of helping, the Constable, busy saluting the VIP convoy, scolded us with foul language.

The bikers urged me to continue in a group of cars, and I somehow reached Bengaluru safely, though deeply shaken.

At Girinagar Police Station, I was told there was no CCTV or evidence and that filing a complaint would only drag me through multiple stations. With no other option, I dropped the idea.

Later, I learnt these men were arrested in Mysuru in 2020. Sadly, they keep getting bail and are back on the roads, even during the Dasara season.

Safety tips to avoid such traps:

1. Install a dashcam. If not, start video recording on your phone and keep it visible in your upper pocket during confrontations.

2. Avoid travelling alone, especially during off-peak hours when roads are isolated.

3. Call 112 — sometimes help does arrive in time.

4. If you must stop, do so only in crowded places or towns where there are plenty of people around.

— Vasanth

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Entrepreneurship Development Training Programme

Mysuru, Oct. 5- The Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, Bengaluru, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development of Karnataka (CEDOK), Dharwad and District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru, have jointly organised a 10-day Entrepreneurship Development Training Programme for those willing to start their own industry.

At the training programme, candidates will be motivated to become entrepreneurs and information will be provided about financial assistance/ incentives given by the State and Central Governments and other finance companies, about marketing and other matters related to industry.

Candidates who want to participate in the training programme must have completed 21 years and must have passed SSLC.

Interested candidates may submit their applications to the Joint Director, CEDOK, DIC, Mysuru, before Oct. 9.

For further details, contact Mob: 63616-11136 or 83107-38819 or 77601-45784, according to a press release.

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Dasara Home Garden Contest

Wins 'Outstanding Garden' prize for 28th consecutive year

Shamala Prasanna receiving 'Outstanding Garden' prize from Shashikala Nagaraj, Treasurer of Horticulture Society, during the Dasara Home Garden Contest Prize Distribution Ceremony.

Mysuru, Oct. 5- Shamala Prasanna of Lakshmipuram has won 'Outstanding Garden' prize for the 28th consecutive year in the Dasara Home Garden Competition conducted by the Horticulture Department, Mysuru.

Speaking to *SOM* after receiving the prize from Horticulture Society Treasurer Shashikala Nagaraj, Shamala said, "In fact the enjoyment of seeing the well-grown plants which have been nurtured by me for 35 years — be it bonsais or cacti, succulents or lawn or ornamental plants — is amazing and very satisfying."

"Like always I've got theme-based garden with dolls arranged in every corner, an Indian village, Dasara procession, China town, Christmas decorations, a forest with animals, a waterfall and seasonal flowers like marigold, celosia, dahlia, etc., which add colour to my garden," she added.

ACCE (I) Mysore Centre fetes Eminent Civil Engineers

Dr. Ramalingaiah, retired Principal, PES College of Engineering, Mandya, who was honoured with 'Teacher par Excellence Award' and H.K. Sampath Kumar, retired Executive Engineer, Karnataka Irrigation Department, with the title 'Civil Engineer Extraordinaire,' are seen with C.S. Srikanth, Hon. Secretary, ACCE(I) Mysore Centre, Suraj Kumar, Dy. General Manager (Technical Services), Ramco Cements, S.B. Basavaraj, Chairman, ACCE(I) Mysore Centre, B.S.C. Rao, former President, ACCE(I), Anil Kumar Pillai, Assistant Vice-President (Technical Services), Ramco and Dr. B.S. Keerthi Gowda, Hon. Treasurer, ACCE(I) Mysore Centre.

Mysuru, Oct. 5- The Mysore Centre of the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) — ACCE(I) — in association with The Ramco Cements Limited, celebrated Engineers' Day recently at Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club, Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysuru.

On the occasion, chief guest B.S.C. Rao, former President of ACCE(I), felicitated two eminent Civil Engineers — Dr. Ramalingaiah, retired Principal, PES College of Engineering, Mandya, with 'Teacher par Excellence Award' and H.K. Sampath Kumar, retired Executive Engineer, Karnataka Irrigation Department, with the title 'Civil Engineer Extraordinaire.'

Both Ramalingaiah and Sampath Kumar paid tribute to their seniors and expressed gratitude to their colleagues for the support they had received throughout their careers.

The former recalled an incident involving Dr. S. Radhakrishnan during his tenure as India's Ambassador to the USSR. When he requested for an appointment to meet Stalin, the Soviet leader unusually scheduled the meeting for midnight. Radhakrishnan, however, politely declined, citing that hour as his time for rest. Stalin was reportedly taken aback by the Ambassador's response. As a result, the meeting was rescheduled and took place on another day at a convenient time.

Chief guest Rao, while complimenting the awardees, paid tributes to Sir MV and Radhakrishnan, and shared fascinating incidents related to them.

He recalled that during a visit to a steel factory in the United States, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, at the advanced age of 75, demonstrated his intense curiosity to learn by climbing a 75-foot ladder to understand a machine's inner workings. His action inspired a few of his colleagues, present there, to follow him.

In his Presidential address, ACCE(I) Mysore Chairman S.B. Basavaraj shared his experience of visiting Sir MV Memorial and Museum at Muddenahalli on the occasion of Sir MV's birthday (Sept. 15). He spoke highly of the Museum and its exhibits, appreciating how they honour the legacy of the great engineer and statesman.

Earlier, the programme commenced with invocation by S. Umesh. Immediate Past Chairman Dr. S. Raviraj welcomed. The dignitaries symbolically inaugurated the event by lighting the traditional lamp and offered floral tributes to the portraits of Sir MV and Dr. Radhakrishnan.

NEWS BRIEFS

Zoo, Karanji Lake open on Tuesday

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesday (Oct. 7) on account of Mysuru Dasara festivities, according to a press release from Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

Sudarshan Kriya

Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji's Art of Living is conducting an workshop to achieve a stress-free, healthy, happy and peaceful life at The Art of Living Ashram on Lalithadripura Road in city from Oct. 7 to 11 from 6 am to 8.30 am and 6 pm to 8.30 pm. Workshop includes yoga, pranayama, meditation and powerful breathing technique called 'Sudarshan Kriya.' [Mob: 94804-76825 or 94835-89825]

Coaching class

KSOU's Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, Muktagangothri campus, Hunsur Road, will be holding a 50-day special coaching class for banking recruitment exam and other competitive exams for appointment to various Central Government posts. Interested aspirants can enrol during office hours from 10 am to 4 pm till Oct. 10. [Ph: 0821- 2515944 or Mob: 99647-60090].

Last date extended

The last date for students of Professional Degree courses and Post-Graduation, to submit online admissions to Post-matric students Hostel (both boys & girls) of Backward Classes Welfare Department has been extended to Oct. 14. Students can submit their applications by visiting website — ***https://shp.karnataka.gov.in/bcwd***. For eligibility criteria, visit — ***https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in*** and in case of technical issues applications can be sent to — ***bcwdhelpline@gmail.com*** or at District/Taluk Officer Backward Classes Welfare Department. [Mob: 80507-70005]

Ph.D awardees

C. Kumara has been awarded

Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Kudluru Venkatappa Avara Sahitya.' [Guide: Dr. M.B. Suresha]

R. Dhanalakshmi has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'India in the Framework of Global Value Chains.' [Guide: Dr. Navitha Thimmaiah]

City aglow... But roads jammed

Mysuru, Oct. 5 (PM&BS)- Even after the Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara, which concluded spectacularly with the *Jumboo Savari* on Oct. 2, the city continues to witness heavy traffic, with the festive illumination still drawing huge crowds.

As the city remains lit up until Oct. 12, people — especially youngsters — are thronging the roads after dusk to admire the dazzling sights, travelling in two-wheelers, four-wheelers, open jeeps, sunroof cars, and even goods autorickshaws.

Yesterday, being a weekend, the city saw bumper-to-bumper traffic, honking, and gleaming headlights stretching for three to four hours.

At prominent junctions such as K.R. Circle, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle, D. Devaraja Urs Road, JLB Road, Chamaraja Double Road, and Sayyaji Rao Road, youths were busy clicking selfies and group photos against the backdrop of statues of erstwhile kings and heritage buildings, which had been beautifully illuminated to create a rare visual spectacle.

Meanwhile, the Police faced a tough task managing the crowds, as people stopping to take photos often disrupted the smooth flow of traffic.

Operation Navaratri

Rescues 33 children from beggary; CWC warns parents of legal action in case of any recurrence

Mysuru, Oct. 5- In a special drive named 'Operation Navaratri', the Special Juvenile Police Unit and Child Helpline, has rescued over 30 children who were found begging on roads during the recently concluded Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara.

Acting on the directions of District Child Protection Unit, the Special Juvenile Police personnel and volunteers of Child Helpline (1098/112), rescued 12 boys and 21 girls totalling 33 children. They have been shifted to a temporary accommodation.

These children were found begging at Dasara Food Mela held at Maharaja's College grounds, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, near Mysore Palace and Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru zoo) and other venues. Some among them were seeking alms in the name of selling toys. Besides, special teams were involved in similar drives at busy junctions of the city.

They (children) were produced before Child Welfare Committee (CWC), before taking them to Government Rehabilitation Centres. CWC Chairman Ravichandra and its Members, who conducted a meeting with the parents of those children, advised them against forcing their wards for beggary, along with issuing a warning to take action in case they repeated the act.

If anybody comes across women seeking alms, inform Child Helpline on 1098 or 112.

Woman goes missing

Jyothi

Nanjangud, Oct. 5 (KS) - A 35-year-old woman, who had gone to attend a house warming ceremony at Debur village on Sept. 4 and returned to Nanjangud Bus Stand on the same day, has since gone missing.

The missing woman is Jyothi, wife of Chinnaswamy and a resident of Mallupura in the taluk.

She is 4.5 ft. tall, round faced, wheatish complexioned, normal built, speaks Kannada and was wearing a sky blue coloured saree at the time of going missing.

Those having any information, may contact Nanjangud Town Police Station on Ph: 08221-228383 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Pay double in cash, 1.25 times via UPI at toll plazas without FASTag

New Delhi, Oct. 5 (Agencies)- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on Saturday announced that it has amended the National Highways Fee rules for vehicles entering toll plazas without a valid and functional FASTag.

With effect from Nov. 15, 2025, vehicle owners who do not use FASTag will be required to pay 1.25 times the regular toll amount when they choose to make payments through the Unified Payment Interface (UPI).

This revised rate is comparatively lower than the fee levied on those making payments in cash. If paying in cash, vehicle owners without a valid FASTag will have to pay double the applicable user fee.

The Ministry said this initiative forms part of a broader strategy to cut down cash transactions at toll plazas on National Highways, promote digital payments and streamline operations.

In a statement, the Ministry described the move as a significant step to incentivise digital payments and eliminate cash transactions for non-FASTag users. The amendment has been carried out under the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008.

According to the revised rule, vehicles entering toll plazas without FASTag will have to pay twice the applicable user fee if the fee is paid in cash. However, those who opt to pay through UPI will be charged only 1.25 times the applicable fee for their vehicle category.

The statement further noted that the revised rules are expected to encourage digital transactions, enhance transparency in toll operations, and substantially improve the overall user experience on National Highways.

The notification is scheduled to come into effect from Nov. 15, 2025. From that date onwards, all vehicles passing through toll plazas without FASTag will be subject to the updated regulations.

Obituary

Machimanda Dotty

Mysuru, Oct. 5- Machimanda Dotty (Muckatira - Kunjeri), wife of late Mandanna, passed away at her daughter's residence in J.P. Nagar 2nd Stage last night. She was 88.

A native of Kavadi village, Ammathi Nad, Virajpet taluk, Kodagu, she leaves behind her daughter Merianda Kumari Naveenchandra, son-in-law Merianda Naveenchandra, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Dasara Jumboo Savari-2025

Prize winning tableaux

Bengaluru Division

First: **Chitradurga (Raja Veeramadakari Nayaka)**

Second: **Bengaluru Urban (Brand Bengaluru)**

Third: **Tumakuru (Navya Mathu Prachina Shilpakala Sankeerna)**

Belagavi Division

First: **Gadag (Jodu Kalasada Gudi)**

Second: **Dharwad (National Flag Manufacturing Unit)**

Third: **Belagavi (Sri Mahakali Mayakka Devi)**

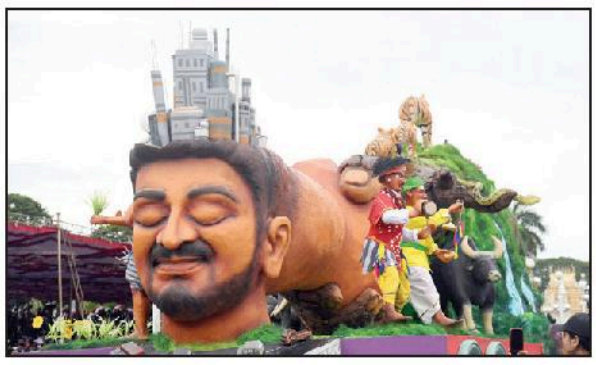
Kalaburagi Division

First: **Bidar (Bidar Fort)**

Second: **Koppal (Kinnala Art)**

Third: **Vijayanagar (Vijayanagara Jilleya Vaishishtyethegalu)**

Mysuru Division



First: **Ch'Nagar (Prakrutiya Souhardateyondige Pragathiyatta Sagona)**

Second: **Dakshina Kannada (Daivaradhane – Traditional Sports)**

Third: **Chikkaballapura (Jnani Vijnanigala Nadu)**

Boards/Corporations/Central and State Governments

First: **HAL (Vijay Runway)**

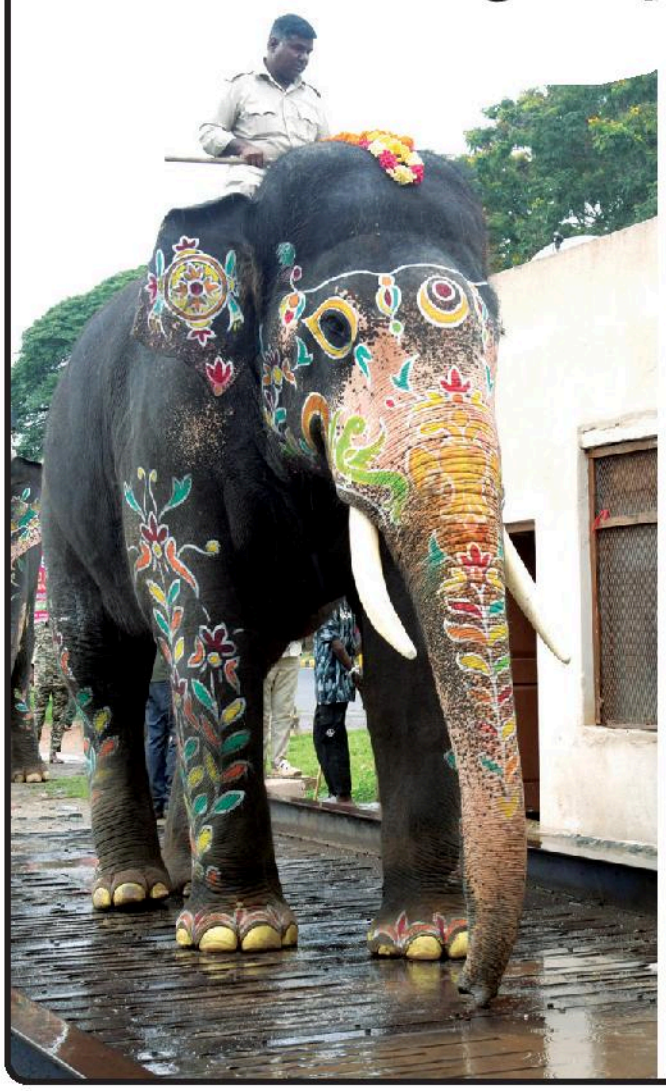
Second: **Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (Drug-free campus campaign)**

Third: **Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (Clean Environment)**

Consolation Prize: **Karnataka Thanda Development Corporation Limited**

Bhima bulks up...

Gains 440-kg, tops Dasara elephant weight chart



Mysuru, Oct. 5 (MTY&BCT)- Among the 14 elephants that arrived to participate in this year's Dasara festivities, Bhima recorded the highest weight gain — an impressive 440 kilograms, leaving behind Howdah elephant Abhimanyu, who gained 275-kg.

This made Bhima the heaviest elephant in the group. Sugreeva stood second, followed by Srikanta in third place, both also showing remarkable improvements.

The first batch of nine elephants reached Mysuru on Aug. 4 and were placed on a special diet from Aug. 12. The second batch of five elephants arrived on Aug. 25 and began enhanced nutrition from Aug. 26. While the first team received 45 days of care, the second team was fed and monitored for 35 days.

Ahead of their return to their respective camps, the elephants underwent a traditional weight check yesterday. Bhima, the youngest male elephant, posted the most striking result, gaining 440-kg to weigh 5,905-kg — up from 5,465-kg.

Sugreeva followed closely with a 350-kg gain, reaching 5,895-kg (up from 5,545-kg). PattadaAaneSrikanta stood third with a 320-kg increase, weighing 5,860-kg (from 5,540-kg).

Other elephants too registered significant gains. Nishane elephant Ekalavya added 390-kg to weigh 5,695-kg (from 5,305-kg); Mahendra gained 245-kg, now at 5,365 kg (from 5,120-kg); Dhananjaya increased by 340-kg to 5,650 kg (from 5,310-kg); Howdah elephant and team leader Abhimanyu gained 275-kg, weighing 5,635-kg (from 5,360-kg); Gopi gained 255-kg, now at 5,245-kg (from 4,990-kg); Kanjan added 345 kg, weighing 5,225-kg (from 4,880 kg); while Prashantha showed a modest rise of 50-kg, weighing 5,160-kg (from 5,110-kg).

Among the female elephants, Balle Lakshmi gained 230-kg, reaching 3,960-kg (from 3,730-kg); Roopa added 40-kg, now weighing 3,360-kg (from 3,320-kg); Kaveri increased by 225-kg, weighing 3,235-kg (from 3,010-kg); and the youngest female, Hemavathi, gained 235-kg, reaching 2,675-kg (from 2,440-kg).

Temporary weight loss

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. I.B. Prabhugowda clarified that Abhimanyu and Prashantha experienced a temporary decline in weight owing to a bout of diarrhoea and fever that lasted ten days.

He explained that such minor health issues are anticipated when elephants transition from forest camps to the city and adjust to a nutrient-rich diet. Thanks to timely veterinary care, their health improved steadily. Prashantha struggled to eat properly during his illness, while Captain Abhimanyu suffered diarrhoea, fever, and abdominal discomfort for 10 days. Both were treated by expert veterinarians and recovered well.

Dr. Prabhugowda further noted that Abhimanyu, despite this temporary setback, carried the Golden Howdah with remarkable composure this year, reaching the Bannimantap Parade Grounds more swiftly and smoothly compared to last year.

Crowds overwhelm elephant training

Driven by social media buzz, more than 10,000 spectators flock to witness elephants in action

Mysuru, Oct. 5 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department faced significant challenges in ensuring public safety during this year's Dasara elephant training sessions, mainly due to the overwhelming turnout of spectators — including many from outside Karnataka, said Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. I.B. Prabhugowda.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* at the Mysore Palace premises, Dr. Prabhugowda explained that the festivities brought several logistical hurdles.

The influence of social media drew massive crowds along the training routes, eager to watch the elephants in action. On some days, over 10,000 people gathered to witness the sessions, with numbers steadily rising.

"Although the elephants remained calm and no untoward incidents occurred, managing the surging crowds while ensuring the safe movement of the elephants posed a serious challenge," Dr. Prabhugowda said.

"Despite the massive turnout, the elephant squad stayed composed and performed admirably during procession," he added.

25-kg of sharp iron fragments

He revealed that over 25 kilograms of sharp iron fragments were collected using a magnet trolley deployed ahead of the elephant squad during training sessions.

Before the elephants proceeded from the Palace to Bannimantap, a departmental vehicle would tow the magnet-equipped trolley along the route.

Each day, it gathered nearly half a kilogram of iron debris, including nails, nuts, bolts and other metallic objects. This precautionary step was crucial in protecting the elephants' feet from injury.

By the end of the training phase, more than 25 kilograms of hazardous metal fragments had been cleared. Before the elephants returned to their forest camps, their feet were scanned with metal detectors.

During this inspection, a small bone fragment was discovered in the foot of Prashantha and was promptly removed. Earlier in training, a stone had pierced the foot of Bhima, which was also safely extracted.

Jumbos back to jungle

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Before the pujas, all 14 elephants were lined up between Kodi Someshwara Temple and Kodi Kalabhyraveshwara Temple.

After residing at the Mysore Palace premises for the past 50 days, the elephants, along with their mahouts and the families of the caretakers (kavadis), returned to their native habitats.

No honorarium this year

Traditionally, the District Administration and the Mysore Palace Board conduct a puja and offer honorariums to the mahouts and kavadis in recognition of their efforts. This year, however, only rice bags were distributed, leaving the caretakers disappointed. Previously, the honorarium included Rs. 10,000, rice and essential daily items.

"We started from our respective elephant camps 60 days ago and have been denied annual honorariums. We worked tirelessly for the success of Dasara, training and caring for the elephants, yet did not receive even a single rupee from the district and Forest authorities. This is a grave injustice, and our contributions have been overlooked," said an angry caretaker before leaving Mysuru.

Refusal to leave Mysuru

Many elephant caretakers said they would not leave Mysuru unless their honorariums were paid. According to Forest Officers, over 60 mahouts and kavadis had come to the city, but the Mysore Palace Board stated that cheques would be issued for only 20 of them—a proposal the Forest Department refused as the caretakers were demanding a cash payment. As the mahouts and kavadis prepared to protest against the District Administration and the Palace Board, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. I.B. Prabhugowda intervened.

He assured them that honorariums for all mahouts, kavadis and helpers would be distributed at their respective elephant camps. Following this assurance, the elephant caretakers finally boarded the trucks to return to their camps.

Over 2,000 people had gathered to bid farewell to the jumbos. Being a Sunday, thousands of visitors had come to see the Mysore Palace, with many stopping to watch the elephants being loaded onto trucks.

Tourists and locals alike clicked selfies and photos to capture the memorable moments. Abhimanyu, the howdah carrier, was the star attraction and his mahout and kavadi were felicitated by some people. Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya, DCP K.S. Sundar Raj, Palace Security Force ACP H.M. Chandrashekar, RFO Nadeem and others were present to witness the farewell.

11 days of fest... 1,000-tonne waste

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These personnel worked in three shifts daily, ensuring that key event venues — including the Food Mela, Flower Show and Yuva Sambhrama — remained clean and tidy throughout the fest.

On Raja Marga, the Jumboo Savari route from Mysore Palace to the Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap, waste clearing began Thursday night and continued until Friday afternoon, restoring normalcy to the road.

Six to ten Pourakarmikas from each ward along the route were deputed for the task. Once traffic density returned to normal, cleaning operations accelerated. By dawn, the road was largely cleared, and by 10 a.m. Friday, 10 to 15 loads of waste up to Tilaknagar junction had been removed. The remainder of the route from Palace to Bannimantap was fully cleared by the afternoon.

Prathap Simha watches 'Kantara-1' with party workers

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha** (seated middle in the second row) **watching the movie 'Kantara-Chapter 1' at DRC Cinemas in Habitat Mall in Jayalakshmipuram in city yesterday. Prathap Simha had booked a total of 197 tickets in Screen 2 of the multiplex to watch the movie with the BJP workers.

Handmade Paper Pulp Doll Show

Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show with over 500 dolls depicting 'Sri Srinivasa Kalyana', 'Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime' and 'Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele,' curated by artist K.S. Raghavendra, is underway at Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, since Sept. 22. The show will be open to public from 10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm everyday till Oct. 22. Artist K.S. Raghavendra is seen explaining about 'Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele' sequence to visitors as his wife Geetha Raghavendra looks on. [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]

Obituary

Sushma

Mysuru, Oct. 5- Sushma (36), wife of R. Ravi and a resident of Vinayakanagar 5th Main, 6th Cross, passed away this afternoon following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at the Gokulam Burial Grounds in city tomorrow morning, according to family sources.

Graduation Day Ceremony of GSSS BE and B.Arch students

Mysuru, Oct. 5- The Graduation Day Ceremony for the 2025 batch of BE students of GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru and B.Arch students of GSSS School of Architecture for Women, Mysuru was held recently in M. Govinda Rao Memorial Hall, GSSSIETW Campus, Mysuru.

Amulya Kulkarni Kanade, Global DEI Lead, Renesas Electronics, Bengaluru, was the chief guest. M.J. Pruthvi, Deputy Superintendent of Police, CESC, Mysuru and an alumna of GSSSIETW, was the guest of honour.

Picture shows Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, R.K. Bharath, CEO, GSSS, Dr. M. Jagannatha Shenoy, President, GSSS, B.V. Srinivasa Gupta, Vice-President, GSSS, Anupama B. Pandit, Secretary, GSSS, Amulya Kulkarni Kanade, Global DEI Lead, Renesas Electronics, Bengaluru, M.J. Pruthvi, Deputy Superintendent of Police, CESC, Mysuru, O. Pratap Kumar, Joint Secretary, GSSS, B.K. Nataraj, Management Committee Member, GSSS and Ar. Archana J. Uthaiah, Principal, GSSS School of Architecture for Women, Mysuru, with VTU rank holders.

Delivering the address, Amulya reminded students that they had "finished just one race and there were many more to come."

Sharing her own experiences, she advised students to never forget their roots — parents, teachers, and friends — and to "carry the dreams of all young girls who look up to you."

M.J. Pruthvi spoke about her journey as a student of EEE Department from GSSSIETW to clearing KAS in her first attempt.

Acknowledging the greater challenges women face, she emphasised their strength in multitasking and taking responsibility of parents, siblings, children and family.

Four University rank holders for the year 2025 were felicitated — A. Kavana (1st Rank with 7 Gold Medals in EEE), Rachana D. Kashyap (1st Rank with VTU Gold medal in CSE-AI&ML), B.G. Harshitha (5th Rank in CSE-AI&ML) and L. Likhitha Rani (10th Rank in CSE-AI&ML). Alongside them, five BE Honors students were also recognised for their exemplary academic achievements.

Degree certificates were distributed to 432 BE & 9 B.Arch., students. Oath was administered to students by Dr. K.S. Gururaj, Professor and Head, Department of ISE, GSSSIETW.

Dr. P. Raviraj, Professor & Head, Department of CSE, GSSSIETW introduced the chief guest. Dr. H.R. Roopashree, Professor & Head, Department of AI&DS, GSSSIETW introduced the guest of honour.

Dr. M. Jagannatha Shenoy, President, GSSS, presided. Anupama B. Pandit, Secretary, GSSS, spoke. Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, welcomed. Ar. Archana J. Uthaiah, Principal, GSSS School of Architecture for Women, proposed the vote of thanks.

B.V. Srinivasa Gupta, Vice-President, GSSS, O. Pratap Kumar, Joint Secretary, R.K. Bharath, CEO, B.K. Nataraj, Management Committee Member, Heads of various Departments and Faculty members were present on the occasion.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Madhu M. Nayak, Associate Professor, Department of CSE, Dr. P. Chaya, Associate Professor, Department of ISE and J. Usharani, Assistant Professor, Department of CSE.

SDM-IMD hosts 3rd International Leadership Conference

Mysuru, Oct. 5- Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, recently hosted the 3rd International Leadership Conference on the theme *"Leading in a Disrupted World: Reimagining Leadership for Complexity, Sustainability, and Human-Centric Innovation."*

This event was organised in collaboration with the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) - SDM-IMD Centre for Management Excellence.

The conference was inaugurated by V. Susheema, Co-Founder & JMD, SYConE CPMC Pvt. Ltd., who spoke on "From Leadership to Exponential Futures." In her insightful talk, she emphasised the impact of the changing geopolitical landscape, the disruptions shaping today's business environment, and the need to redefine business strategies in an increasingly competitive world. She highlighted the importance of adopting an exponential mindset for leaders in the dynamic global context.

While reimagining leadership, Susheema underlined the necessity for leaders to design innovative projects and build futuristic development models. She also stressed that true leadership lies in inspiring and motivating people through impactful initiatives.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) S.N. Prasad, Director, SDM-IMD, spoke on the essence of great leadership.

Dr. L. Gandhi, Conference Chair and Associate Professor, OB & HRM, SDM-IMD, provided a detailed conference briefing and outlined its objectives.

A panel discussion on "Human-Centred Leadership in the Age of Technology" was also held. Distinguished industry leaders shared valuable perspectives on balancing technological advancement with human-centric values in leadership.

Konkani Christian Assn. felicitates students

Mysuru, Oct. 5- The Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru, celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary, popularly known as Monthi Fest, recently at its Konkan Bhavan in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

The celebration began with the blessing of the new corn by Rev. Fr. Santa Lopez and Rev. Fr. Prashanth Noronha, symbolising gratitude for God's blessings and abundance. Then it preceded by a solemn novena in honour of Mother Mary, marked by the traditional offering of flowers by children and devotees.

This was followed by the mass introduction by Rev. Fr. Mervin Noronha. A Konkani Mass was

offered by Rev. Fr. Richard Menezes, during which Rev. Fr. Ajith Rodrigues delivered the homily, reflecting on the values of faith, family and unity that Monthi Fest represents.

The mass concluded with inspiring words of thanksgiving and blessings from Rev. Fr. Oswald Crasta, Rev. Fr. Lancy Lewis and Rev. Fr. Ivan Sequeira accompanied by the other priests. Following the Mass was the stage programme with a welcome address by Joyce Sequeira, Secretary.

As part of charity activities, the Association disbursed financial support worth Rs. 2,50,000 towards the education and medical needs of underprivileged children. Nearly 35 meritorious students of the community, ranging from Ph.D holders, doctors and Chartered Accountants to graduates, post-graduates, PUC and 10th-grade achievers were felicitated on the occasion.

Association President John William D'Souza presided. Anil Saldanha, Treasurer, proposed the vote of thanks.

Golden Jubilee - 50th National Yoga Sports Championship

Mysuru, Oct. 5 (GA)- The Golden Jubilee - 50th National Yoga Sports Championship-2025 will be held at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram premises on Nanjangud Road in Dattanagar from Oct. 9 to 12, under the banner of Yoga Federation of India (YFI).

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city recently, Dr. P.N. Ganesh Kumar, President, KSAYSA & Working President, Organising Committee, 50th National Yoga Sports Championship-2025, Mysuru, said that this historic Championship, marking five decades of excellence in Yoga sports, is being hosted by the Karnataka State Amateur Yoga Sports Association (KSAYSA), in collaboration with Global Yoga Forum, Mysore Vivekananda Yoga Education and Research Institution (MV Yogas), Mysore District Yoga Sports Foundation, GSS Yoga and Global Wellness Yoga Centre.

Over 1,000 competitors from 34 States across India are expected to participate. Around 200 qualified National Referees will officiate the Championship.

Eminent personalities, including Asian Yoga Federation President and YFI Chairman Ashok Kumar Aggarwal, YFI CEO Indu Agarwal, YFI President Dr. Anirudh Gupta, Secretary Dr. Abhinav Joshi and all office-bearers, along with Presidents and Secretaries of 34 States, will participate. Dignitaries and representatives from 11-12 countries will also be part of this five-day Golden Jubilee celebrations.

The YFI, a pioneer in the field of Yoga Sports in India and worldwide, has over 2,159 qualified National Referees and 7,512 registered participants. KSAYSA has previously organised five National Championships in Karnataka, with this being the first time in Mysuru.

The winners of this Golden Jubilee 50th Senior National Championship will earn the honour of representing India at the upcoming Asian Yoga Championship.

G.N. Krishna Murthy, Chairman, KSAYSA & Joint Secretary, YFI, Gangadharappa, former Chairman, KSAYSA, A. Nataraja, Secretary, KSAYSA, Umesh Ganapathy Shet, retired DSP, Police Department, Manjula, retired DDPI, Education Department, Sridhar, Manipal Hospitals Group and H.K. Geetha Kumar, Secretary, M.V. Yogas were present at the press meet.

For further details, contact Mob: 94486-00581 or 72040-20581.

Celebration Mysuru Marathon on Oct. 12

Mysuru, Oct. 5- Life is Calling, a Sports Management Company, will be organising 15th edition of Celebration Mysuru 1/2 Marathon and 10K on Oct. 12 (Sunday) from Balarama Gate of Mysore Palace.

The event, to be flagged off at 5.45 am will host a 21 kms Half Marathon, 10 kms Run for participants who are 16 years and above and 5 kms Run / Walk for participants aged 11 years and above.

The 21-km Half Marathon, 10-km Run are competitive categories with the participants expected from all over the country. The 5-km Celebration Fun Run / Walk is a non-competitive category to encourage participants from across Karnataka.

To register for the event, log into ***www.eventzalley.com*** or call Mob: 96066-22006 or e-mail: ***contact@lifeiscalling-sports.com***

Karate winners

The students of Vasavi Convent, Koorgalli, won several prizes in the recently held Taluk-level Karate Competition. Seen are *(from left)* ***Darpan, 9th std. - 2nd prize in kumite; R. Pratheeksha, 10th std. - 1st prize in kumite and Koushik Gowda, 8th std. - 1st prize in kumite. All the three are trained under Sensei Raveendran.***

Winners of City Inter-Collegiate Women Throwball Tournament

The Women Throwball Team of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, bagged first place in Mysore City inter-Collegiate Women Throwball Tournament 2025-26 organised by JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, recently. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Nisha, Harshini, Anushree, T.G. Harshitha, Smitha, Kruthika, Kanchana and Mamatha;*** *(sitting from left)* ***P.S. Madhusudhana, Physical Director, Radhikarani, Sports Committee Member, Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal, Dr. T. Vijayalakashmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, MES, Dr. H.N. Bhaskar, Physical Director, Dr. K.K. Somashekar, Sports Committee Member and Parinitha, Team Captain.***

Ishana shines in athletics

Mysuru, Oct. 5- City's upcoming athlete Ishana Devaiah Pykera, a Class 10 student at Excel Public School, secured silver medal in the 800 mts run at the CBSE State-level Athletics Meet-2025 held at PSSEMR School in Davangere recently.

With this, she also qualified to represent Karnataka at the National CBSE Meet. At the Karnataka State Junior & U-23 Athletic Championship-2025 held at Udupi recently, Ishana secured a bronze medal in U-16 Pentathlon event.

Ishana Devaiah Pykera with coach G.R. Prabhakar.

Currently, Ishana is training under retired Sports Authority of India (SAI) Coach G.R. Prabhakar.

Football: DPS Mysuru emerges runners-up

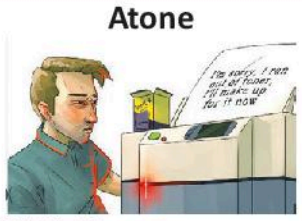
Mysuru, Oct. 5 (VNS)- Delhi Public School (DPS), Mysuru, emerged as the runners-up in the Freedom Cup Inter-School Football Tournament organised by the school for U-16 and U-19 boys, here recently.

While a total of 27 teams took part in the U-16 category, five teams played in the U-19 category. The tournament was inaugurated by former international footballer and coach Tara R. Aragam.

In U-16 category, Mahabodhi School emerged as the winners and Excel Public School excelled in U-19 category.

WORD OF THE DAY

Atone



Pronunciation: uh-TOHN (Verb)
Meaning: To atone for something is to make amends for it — that is, to do something good as a way of showing that you are sorry about, or have remorse for, a mistake, bad behaviour, etc.
Origin: Atone has its roots in the idea of reconciliation and harmony. It grew out of the Middle English phrase at on meaning "in harmony," a phrase echoed in current expressions like "feeling at one with nature." When atone joined modern English in the 16th century, it meant "to reconcile," and suggested the restoration of a peaceful and harmonious state between people or groups. Today, atone specifically implies addressing the damage — or disharmony — caused by one's own behavior.
Example: "... the catcher atoned for his earlier miscue by hitting a game-tying solo homer to straightaway center field." —Mac Cerullo, The Boston Herald, 24 July 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Carioca

A lively ballroom dance that resembles the samba.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The Whole Nine Yards

Meaning: The phrase 'The Whole Nine Yards' is used to indicate that you are speaking about everything that is appropriate, or pertinent, in all ways.
Origin: There are many stories describing the origin of the phrase 'the whole nine yards' and no one is certain which is true. The statement has been used since the 1960s and is believed to have originated in the United States. An early example comes from the 1962 issue of Car Life: "Your staff of testers cannot fairly and equitably appraise the Chevrolet Impala sedan, with all nine yards of goodies, against the Plymouth Savoy which has straight shift and none of the mechanical conveniences which are quite common now."
Example: "If you want to run for class president, I'll be with you the whole nine yards."

QUOTE BOX

Fortune befriends the bold. —**Emily Dickinson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

THINK U SPEAK

Answer: Speak before You Speak.

SUDOKU

4		3						1
		7	9	5				
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			2	9				6
	8	9						
				2	7	6		
3						8		4

Answer to previous puzzle

2	8	5	4	3	7	1	6	9
3	7	6	5	9	1	2	8	4
4	1	9	8	6	2	5	7	3
9	2	8	7	4	6	3	5	1
7	5	4	3	1	9	8	2	6
6	3	1	2	5	8	4	9	7
1	6	3	9	8	5	7	4	2
8	4	7	6	2	3	9	1	5
5	9	2	1	7	4	6	3	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Advanced degree abbr
4 365 days
8 Ye ___ Shoppe
12 Asian honorific
13 Fashion magazine
14 Russian denial
15 Accustomed (4,2,2)
17 Short for 'this month'
18 Oozes, dribbles or exudes
19 Verve
20 Part of a room wall
22 A red dye - "noise" anagram?
24 Remote
26 A prefix meaning "not,"
27 Ex-Chinese Chairman ?
30 A cricketer or a hat
32 Capital of Tasmania
34 A Japanese copper coin
35 Barely defeat
37 Wireless
38 To find fault angrily
40 American University or famous lock ?
41 Scottish feudal lord
44 A fraudulent burning of property
46 Nevada divorce capital
47 Mexico port, resort
50 Asian language
51 Greek commune
52 "And" in Hindi
53 Compass point
54 Make-or-break time (1-3)
55 Sign of the Zodiac

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	E	S	A	■	C	H	A	■	U	R	A	L
O	R	A	L	■	V	I	N	T	N	E	R	S
W	E	L	L	P	R	E	S	E	R	V	E	D
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V	A	L	■	T	O	W	E	L	■	N	A	N
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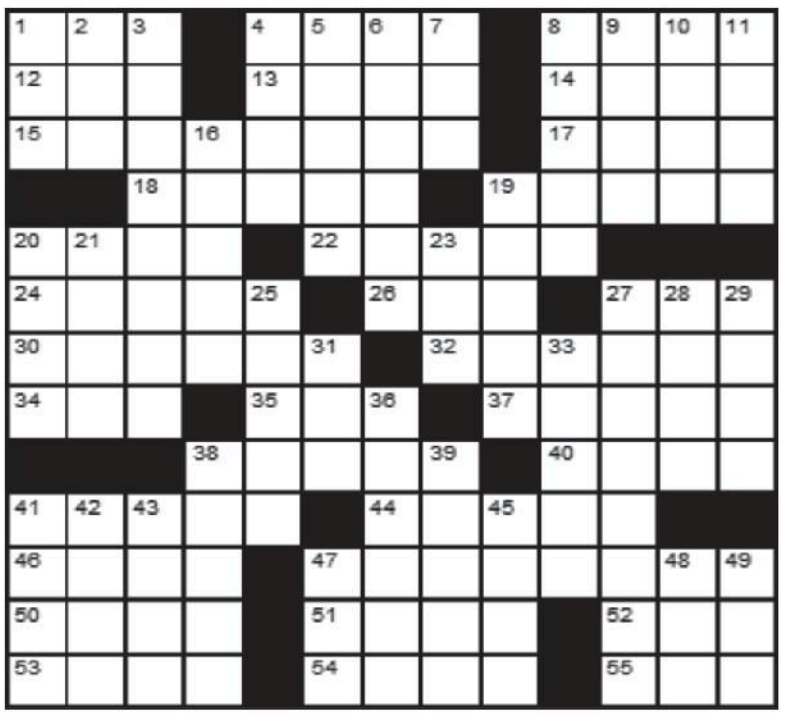
S	T	E	T	■	D	S	M	■	L	A	D	Y

DOWN
1 State owned enterprise in short
2 Hours, in short
3 Abated (4,4)
4 Himalayan legend
5 Steal away
6 "In Laos" the change gets a girl ?
7 Soak
8 Edible bulb
9 Sharp-eyed cat
10 Of Indian or local origin
11 Kitchen extension?
16 Salivate
19 Lesser
20 Small amounts
21 Bitter fruit
23 Fifth note of the scale
25 Receiver of stolen goods
27 Medium pacer from Delhi and Kapil's bowling partner of days gone by ? (5,3)
28 Seed appendage
29 Siouan Indian
31 2016 Summer Olympics host
33 Marshy tributary
36 Located
38 Beastly nose
39 Serious stage play
41 Authentic
42 Queen of Mount Olympus, in Greek Mythology
43 Common connections
45 Scottish river
47 ___ in : include ?
48 Hint
49 Spanish gold



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

C QJYV YFU C IXVDJB. C LJJ YFU C GJKCJPJ.

C UX YFU C AFUJVLBYFU.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Elumale (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Idli Kadai (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Mahavatar Narsimha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H) - 3 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Idli Kottu (Te) - 4 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Kantara - A Legend: Chapter 1 (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 1.25 pm,
		7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.35 pm
		4.45 pm, 8.15 pm
	(S-4)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
	(S-2)	10.15 am, 7.10 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E)	(S-2)	10 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	8.45 am, 10 am, 10.45 am
		11.15 am, 12 noon, 1.30 pm
		2.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 5 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.30 pm, 8.30 pm
		9.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	6.30 am, 6.30 am, 6.55 am
		7.50 am, 8.20 am, 8.50 am
		10.10 am, 10.30 am, 11.15 am
		11.45 am 12.15 pm, 1.40 pm
		2 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.10 pm
		3.40 pm, 5.10 pm, 5.30 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm
		8.35 pm, 9 pm, 9.30 pm
		10 pm, 10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	10.20 am, 4.20 pm, 10.25 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 7.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter- 1 (K)	:	7.20 am, 8.15 am, 8.20 am
		9.50 am, 10.45 am, 11.35 am
		11.45 am, 2.10 pm, 3,10 pm
		4.10 pm, 5.35 pm, 6.05 pm
		6.35 pm, 9 pm
		10 pm 10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	1.15 pm, 7.35 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	3 pm, 9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 5)

- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm & 7 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Sudharma Sanskrit Daily:** Valedictory of 56th anniversary celebrations, Karnataka Sanskrit University VC Dr. Ahalya Sharma releases the books 'Suvachanashatakam' and 'Shikharinishatakam' (written by Nagaraja) and 'Navaratra Durga Vaibhava' (written by Vid. Dr. T.V. Satyanarayana); Pramati Institutions Secretary H.V. Rajeev and Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Chairman & BSS Vidyodaya Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat chief guests, BSS Vidyodaya School, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.15 pm.**
- **Mysuru Puppet Theatre:** Puppet Show 'Sri Krishna Parijatha' by Vinayaka Sutra Mela, Founded by Master Puppeteer late Narasinga Rao, Mysuru Puppet Theatre, beside Kaladevi Doll Museum, in front of Mysuru Zoo, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Karma-Sannyasa-yoga' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Janamana Samskrutika Sanghatane, Mysuru:** Staging of P. Lankesh's play 'Kallu Karaguva Samaya,' directed by K.R. Sumathi, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Aikyam:** Staging of play 'Nata Dharma,' directed by Ganesh Mandarti, Natana School of Theatre Arts, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Sri Thimmarpanamastu' by students of MMK&SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya, based on Beechi's writings, directed by Ramesh K. Benakal, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Krsna Vandana:** An evening of soulful bhajans and kirtan by Aviraas (devotional singer), Mugdha Veira Godse (bollywood actor) and Pt. Ravi Shankar Mishra (flute), followed by Prasad by Depth n Green, Mysore Belly Room, 1st Floor, Gokulam 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 6)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime & Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 1 pm & 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Educational Institutions, Sri Hosmutt:** Teachers Day, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Mahajana PG Study Centre Director Prof. C.K. Renukarya chief guest, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, Sri Nataraja Auditorium, **10 am.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** Advisory Talk on 'Experiences of a pensioner' by Prof. K.C. Basavaraj, retd. Professor in Economics, University of Mysore (UoM), Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, President of the Council, presides, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Elder Citizens Council premises, **5 pm.** [Mob: 99804-12406]
- **Bangiya Samiti, Mysuru:** Sri Lakshmi Puja, International Youth Hostel (IYH), Gokulam, **8 pm.**

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		2.40 pm, 3.10 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm
		9.30 pm, 10 pm
		10.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	10 am, 4.25 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	12.20 pm, 7.30 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	8 am, 12,15 pm
		3.40 pm, 7,05 pm
		10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.25 pm
		10.20 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	12.05 pm
		7.15 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E)	:	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Wins gold

Inchara B. Shettar

Mysuru, Oct. 5 (VNS)- Inchara B. Shettar, a 2nd PUC student of Trinity College in city, won gold medal at the District-Level Lawn Tennis Tournament organised by Department of PU Education at J.P. Nagar Tennis Court recently.

She will be leading the Mysuru Girls Lawn Tennis Team at the State-Level Lawn Tennis Championship to be held at Raichur later this year.

Selected for Para Jr. Asian Games

Bharathi

Mysuru, Oct. 5- Bharathi, a 1st year B.Com student of GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College in city, brought laurels to the city at the Para Junior National Athletics Championship held recently in Gwalior.

She clinched a total of three medals including two gold medals in shot-put and 100 metres sprint and a silver in long-jump.

With this success, Bharathi has been selected to represent India at the Para Junior Asian Games scheduled to be held in Dubai from Dec. 7 to 14.

Excels in athletics

P. Chiranth

Mysuru, Oct. 5 - P. Chiranth, a 2nd PUC Commerce student of D.M. Trinity Pre-University College, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, fared well at the recently held Karnataka State Inter-District Junior and U-23 Athletic Meet 2025 in Udupi.

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